

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 127

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Tennessee Soccer Club's U18 girls team upon winning the United States Youth Soccer Association National Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those athletes and athletic teams who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the Tennessee Soccer Club's U18 girls team based in Franklin, whose members and coaches proved themselves worthy of praise and admiration by virtue of their victory at the United States Youth Soccer Association National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the U18 girls team traveled across the nation to Frisco, Texas, for the national championship match and handily defeated the Carlsbad Elite of Carlsbad, California, for a final victory of 3-0; and

WHEREAS, the members of the U18 team are also seven-time Tennessee State champions, having never lost a state championship, and are four-time Region 3 champions. They also helped deliver the first ever Division I youth soccer national championship to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, apart from their national championship win, the ladies of U18 became the first team inducted into the Tennessee State Soccer Association (TSSA) Hall of Fame, making them the most decorated team, male or female, in TSSA history; and

WHEREAS, the members of this illustrious team are Jordan Chawan, MacKenzie Firek, Camille Parsons, Karlie Paschall, Danielle Marcano, Melody Fisher, Melia Correa, Cameron Williams, Peyton DePriest, Julie Garst, Jessica Harvey, Sydney Hunt, Callie McKinney,

Catherine Meyer, Maddison Falter, Madison Louk, Emily Zipay, Sydney Malham, Mackenzie Peebles, Sydney Webber, and Olivia Doak; and

WHEREAS, this championship season would not have been possible were it not for the exemplary efforts and leadership of the team coach, Ronnie Woodard; team manager, Chris Williams; and Tennessee Soccer Club executive director, Stuart Brown; and

WHEREAS, a finalist for the U.S. Youth Soccer Girls National Coach of the Year, Coach Woodard has been named the 2017 U.S. Youth Soccer South Region Coach of the Year, the 2017 Tennessee State Coach of the Year, the 2017 National Soccer Coaches Association South Region Coach of the Year, and the 2017 National Soccer Coaches Association of America National Girls Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the members of Tennessee Soccer Club's U18 girls team epitomize all that is good in today's athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Tennessee Soccer Club's U18 girls team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Tennessee Soccer Club's U18 girls team upon winning the United States Youth Soccer Association National Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.